

Equitable Gas Partners To Help Seniors And The Disabled

More than 90 senior or disabled homeowners in greater Pittsburgh - including 35 Equitable Gas Company customers - were feeling a bit warmer and a little more comfortable after they welcomed volunteers from the Mechanical Contractors Association of Western PA and the Steamfitters Local 449 into their homes on a cool and rainy Saturday to have their furnaces checked, cleaned and, if needed, repaired.

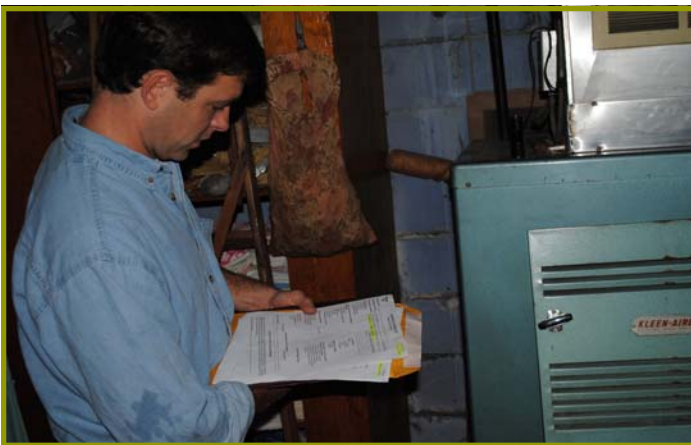
Equitable Gas Company, the Allegheny County Agency on Aging, and the other local natural gas utilities partnered with the Mechanical Contractors and Steamfitters in the 23rd Annual HEAT'S ON (Handicapped and Elderly Assistance to Service Our Neighbors) Program on Saturday, September 26, 2009.



After completing a furnace safety check and filter change for Equitable Gas Customer Edward Dibucci (center), Al Scheuring (right) and Colin Powell (left) of Powell Mechanical take a moment to join Mr. Dibucci for a photo.

Interested Allegheny County senior or disabled homeowners applied to the Agency on Aging and were selected based on established low-income eligibility guidelines. Equitable Gas and the other natural gas utilities helped defray the cost of minor furnace repairs for their customers

Because of the costs associated with annual furnace maintenance, many older adult or disabled homeowners with limited financial resources may have difficulty affording routine upkeep for their heating systems. The complimentary service provided by HEAT'S ON helps these residents safely stay warm during the winter months.



Colin Powell, of Powell Mechanical, reviews a furnace inspection checklist, after inspecting the furnace of Equitable Gas Company customer Marie Groppi.

On that Saturday, 16 Mechanical Contracting Companies provided 48 service trucks to travel throughout greater Pittsburgh. More than 100 skilled mechanics then provided furnace safety checks, cleanings and minor repairs for the selected homeowners.

While the program is over for 2009, interested Allegheny County senior or disabled homeowners may contact the Allegheny County Agency on Aging after August 1, 2010, for the 2010 program.

The HEAT'S ON Program – a partnership with Equitable Gas Company to keep seniors and the disabled safe and warm for the winter.